arrangement for ongoing sugar factory projects and for new licences to be issued; and

(f) what is the financial position of NCDC which is main financial agency which provides finances to new sugar factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The target of sugar production for the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year plan, *viz* 1996-97, has been fixed at 147.88 lakh tonnes.

(b) During the season 1991-92, there were 410 installed sugar factories in the country and their capacity utilisation was 129.66%.

(c) The co-operative sugar mills in Maharashtra have produced 40.06 lakh tonnes (provisional) of sugar out the of total production of 132.77 lakh tonnes (provisional) in the country during the season, 1991-92.

(d) Formulation of a new incentive scheme to cover new sugar factories and expansion projects is presently under the consideration of Government.

(e) The Licensing Policy guidelines for Sugar Industry for the sugar Year 1991-92 and the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-93 — 1996-97) were announced vide press note dated 8.11.1991. In view of the large pendency of unimplemented letters of intent/industrial licences already issued, proposals for setting up of new sugar factories have not yet been taken up for consideration. Obtaining finances from the Central Financial Institutions, etc. for new sugar factories is primarily the responsibility of the entrepreneur.

(f) National Co-operative Development Corporation(NCDC), under centrally Sponsored Scheme, provides investment loan assistance to the State Governments for setting up of new cooperative sugar factories. Under the 8th Five Yeal Plan, a provision of Rs. 350 crores has been made for the scheme. During 1992-93, a provision of Rs. 48.66 crores has been made. However, NCDC sanctions investment loan to State Governments only after the All- India financial institutions have apprised the project and have sanctioned the requisite term loan.

Allotment of Rice and Wheat to Nagaland

2861. SHRI VIZOL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state what is the Monthly Quota of Rice and Wheat already allotted to Nagaland from April to October, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): The following quantities of rice and wheat were allotted to Nagaland for the months of April to October, 1992:—

(In 000' tonnes)

Month	Rice	Wheat
April	9.0	2.0
May	9.0	2.0
June	9.0	2.0
July	9.0	2.0
August	9.0	2.0
September	6.0	0.60
October	6.0	0.60

2862. [*Transferred to 17th December, 1992.*]

Buffer Stock of Sugar in the Country

2863. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create a buffer stock of sugar in the Country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Creation of a buffer stock of sugar is under the consideration of Government.

Import of Rice

2864. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning